

Remarks

In the claims, claims 1, 2, 12 and 13 are amended, claims 5-9, 11, 36, 37, 40, and 41 have been canceled, and claims 44 and 45 have been added. Copies of marked-up claims are attached. Allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

In the drawings, Figures 2, 4, 6B, and 9B are amended to add the words "Prior Art" to each figure.

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

1. [TWICE AMENDED] A structural assembly comprising:

a first pre-cured assembly; and

a 3-D woven textile pre-form impregnated with an uncured resin and coupled to said first pre-cured assembly, a film adhesive being located between the assemblies, and wherein said first pre-cured assembly and said 3-D woven textile pre-form are cured to form the structural assembly.

2. [TWICE AMENDED] The structural assembly of Claim 1 further comprising:

at least one additional assembly wherein said at least one additional assembly is coupled and cured to said first pre-cured assembly and said 3-D woven textile [preform] pre-form, a film adhesive being located between said at least one additional assembly and said first pre-cured assembly.

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12. [AMENDED] The structural assembly of Claim 1, wherein said 3-D woven textile pre-form further comprises at least one fiber woven through critical intersection zones.

13. [TWICE AMENDED] A method of forming a structural assembly, comprising the steps of:

affixing a first pre-cured assembly to a 3-D woven textile pre-form impregnated with an uncured resin, a film adhesive being located between said first pre-cured assembly and said pre-form;

affixing at least one additional pre-cured assembly to said 3-D woven textile, additional film adhesive being located between said at least one additional pre-cured assembly and said pre-form; and

curing said resin and said adhesive films to form the structural assembly.

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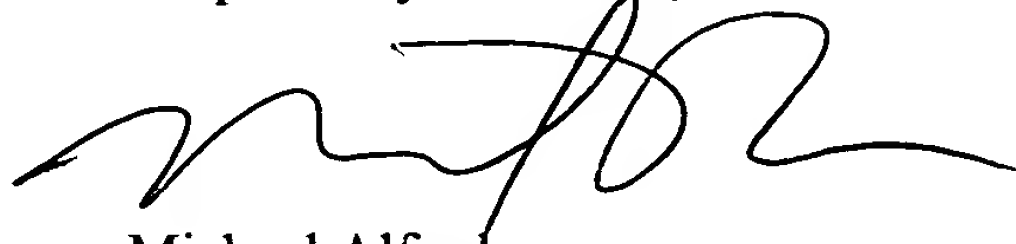
44. [NEW] The structural assembly of Claim 1, wherein the pre-form has tapered edges.

45. [NEW] The method of Claim 13, further comprising tapering the edges of the pre-form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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